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TO: Agency Heads and Chief Fiscal  
Officers of All State Agencies

SUBJECT: Instructions for Closing Fiscal Year 1983 Expenditure Authority  
Accounts

GENERAL

The present fiscal year ends June 30, 1983. Appropriations for this fiscal year will lapse September 30, 1983. All invoices for goods or services contracted for or received prior to July 1, 1983, must be vouchered against FY1983 expenditure authority accounts (appropriated and non-appropriated).

REAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

Vouchers payable from FY1983 expenditure authority accounts that are re-appropriated for FY1984 must reach the Office of the Comptroller on or before Thursday, June 29, 1983, (June 24 if on magnetic tape) in order for warrants to be issued before July 1, 1983, and charged against the FY1983 accounts. NO LAPSE PERIOD SPENDING WILL BE PERMITTED ON ACCOUNTS THAT ARE REAPPROPRIATED. The unliquidated obligations at June 30, 1983, will be carried forward to FY1984. Capital Release balances will be automatically transferred to FY1984.

POSTAGE VOUCHERS

ALL FY1983 VOUCHERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF POSTAGE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 29, 1983. Vouchers received after June 29, 1983, for the purchase of postage from an FY1983 expenditure authority account will be returned to the transmitting agency for revouchering from an FY1984 expenditure authority account.

UTILITY BILLS

Agencies should continue their past practice relative to the fiscal year allocation of utility bills that cover portions of June and July. Agencies have the option of either pro-rating utility bills to the proper months based upon the number of days service was provided or charging the bills

to the month and appropriate fiscal year which had the majority of serviced days. Once an agency chooses its option, it must be continued thereafter.

#### LAPSE PERIOD - VOUCHERS

From July 1, 1983, through September 30, 1983, all vouchers and schedules must be stamped with a rubber stamp, either "FY83" or "FY84" to clearly designate whether the voucher is to be paid from a FY1983 or FY1984 expenditure authority account. The stamp should be placed on the upper right side of each voucher and also on the upper right side of each schedule. All vouchers covering goods or services to be paid from FY1983 expenditure authority accounts during the lapse period should be stamped in a prominent place, "Contracted for Prior to July 1."

During the lapse period, continue using the same series of voucher numbers for vouchers covering FY1983 goods and services for which payment has not been vouchered as of June 30, 1983. Continue this voucher series until all vouchers which are paid from FY1983 expenditure authority accounts have been completed.

Lapse period expenditures from operational accounts are limited to those liquidating liabilities for goods and services received or contracted for prior to July 1. Lapse period expenditures from expiring capital improvement accounts are limited to those for work performed or contracted for prior to July 1. Lapse period expenditures from grant accounts are limited to those claims for payments to grantees for outstanding liabilities as of June 30.

ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1983, EVERY INVOICE THAT SHOULD BE PAID FROM AN FY1983 EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY ACCOUNT MUST HAVE BEEN VOUCHERED AND RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER.

#### LAPSE PERIOD - OBLIGATIONS

Lapse period vouchers must liquidate obligations which were outstanding at June 30, 1983. Obligations established in the FY1983 expenditure authority accounts after June 30th must cover goods or services contracted for or received prior to July 1, 1983. The obligating document should be stamped "Contracted for Prior to July 1."

Outstanding obligations at June 30, 1983, may be cancelled or reduced during the lapse period. This procedure should be used to eliminate the potential over-obligation of an account and to eliminate unneeded obligations. Outstanding obligations representing actual contractual liabilities may be decreased or cancelled if such notice is accompanied by a contract amendment reflecting the corresponding decrease or cancellation. Contractual liabilities may also be increased during the lapse period as long as the increase is relevant to the original contract and is accompanied by a contract amendment executed prior to July 1 increasing the contract amount. Agencies should make every attempt to process all FY1983 obligation establishments and increases prior to July 1, thereby minimizing FY1983 lapse period obligation activity.

The monthly reconciliation of your obligation records with the Monthly and Year-To-Date Activity Reports is extremely important during the remainder of FY1983 in order to avoid delays in processing vendor payments due to errors in our respective files.

June 21, 1983

LAPSE PERIOD - "LAST MINUTE" TRANSACTIONS

In order to facilitate fiscal year end voucher processing, please schedule your vouchers and such related transactions as obligation establishments, increases, reductions, cancellations, and 2% transfers to reach the Office of the Comptroller no later than 2:00 PM, Friday, September 23, 1983. This will allow us to concentrate our efforts on the "last minute" transactions we receive during the remaining days of the lapse period. We cannot guarantee successful processing of FY1983 vouchers received after September 23, 1983, that contain, or are related to, transactions that contain error.

FISCAL YEAR 1984 VOUCHERS AND OBLIGATIONS

Expenditures for goods and services contracted for after June 30, 1983, must be charged against FY1984 expenditure authority accounts and cite obligations established in the FY1984 accounts. This requires preparing the applicable obligating documents and filing them with the Office of the Comptroller prior to processing the voucher for payment. All vouchers payable from FY1984 expenditure authority accounts should carry a new series of voucher numbers. Each agency should use only one series of voucher numbers for each expenditure authority account for the fiscal year.

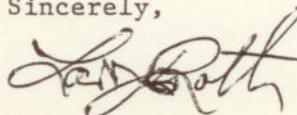
FISCAL YEAR 1984 NON-APPROPRIATED ACCOUNTS

On July 1, 1983, FY1984 non-appropriated accounts of a continuing nature, e.g, the Toll Highway Authority and retirement systems accounts, and those accounts for programs which extend beyond June 30, 1983, will be established by the Comptroller's Office. We will inform each agency as to which of its non-appropriated accounts will be available for FY1984. Other FY1984 non-appropriated accounts will be established only by application and justification by the agency.

If you have any questions concerning these instructions and guidelines, please call Joe DiRocco at 782-3608. Questions concerning specific details within the various functional areas of this office may be directed to the following persons:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TELEPHONE EXTENSION</u>
Carol Sommer	FY1984 Appropriation Account Code Assignments	2-2052
Lu VanEman	Obligations	2-3686
Barb Moore	Vouchers (except payroll vouchers)	2-3608
Dan Steven	Payroll Vouchers	2-4758
Sam Stiles	FY1984 Non-Appropriated Expenditure Authority Accounts	2-2052
Betty Phillips	Accounting (2% transfers, error corrections, etc.)	2-7633

Sincerely,



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